IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Luca MAFFEIS et al. Conf. 9890

Application No. 10/565,441 Group 3728

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SELF-TAPPING STUD FOR RUBBER SUPPORTS OF SHOES, TYRES AND THE LIKE, AND A TOOL FOR MOUNTING SAID STUD

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 18, 2009

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of November 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows, with a one month extension of time:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.